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To the Chairman and Members of the Public Health Committee.

MR. CHAIRMAN AND GENTLEMEN,

I have much pleasure in presenting my report for the year ended 31st December, 1949.

STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS.

Area in acres	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	48,078
Estimated Population	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5,750
Number of Inhabited Houses	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,728
Rateable Value	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	£17,975
Product of Penny Rate	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	£70

VITAL STATISTICS—Extracts from.

					Males.	Females.
Live Births	.....	.....	.....	.....	52	44
Legitimate	.....	.....	.....	.....	51	42
Illegitimate	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	2

The Birth Rate per 1,000 of the estimated resident population was 16.7.

There was one male stillbirth (legitimate) making a stillbirth rate of 10.3 per 1,000 total births.

DEATHS OF INFANTS UNDER 1 YEAR OF AGE.

There were no deaths of infants under 1 year of age.

ANALYSIS OF CAUSES OF DEATH.

Cause.					Males.	Females.
Tuberculosis of Respiratory System	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	—
Cancer of Stomach and Duodenum	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	—
Cancer of Breast	.....	.....	.....	.....	—	1
Cancer of all other sites	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	2
Intra-cranial vascular lesions	.....	.....	.....	.....	5	3
Heart Diseases	.....	.....	.....	.....	13	15
Other Diseases of Circulatory System	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	4
Bronchitis	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	—
Diseases of Digestive System	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	1
Suicide	1	—
Road Traffic Accidents	1	—
Other Violent Causes	2	1
All Other Causes	8	3
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				Total	39	30
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Death Rate (per 1,000 population) 12.0.

PREVALENCE OF AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

The number of cases notified during 1949 :

Measles	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	134
Whooping Cough	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	22
Scarlet Fever	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3

Cases of infectious diseases are where necessary admitted to the Isolation Hospital, York.

TUBERCULOSIS.

Number of New Cases	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1
Number of Deaths	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2

GENERAL PROVISIONS OF HEALTH SERVICES.

1. PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICERS OF THE AUTHORITY :—

Medical Officer of Health :

Dr. L. C. WALKER, M.A., M.B., B.CH., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., (Part-time),

Sanitary Inspector :

J. E. MORGAN.

2. NURSING.

The North Riding County Council as Local Health Authority provides a domiciliary nursing and midwifery service in the district. The full service of one nurse and part services of five nurses are available for the district.

3. LABORATORY FACILITIES.

These are provided by the Public Health Laboratory, Northallerton.

4. HOSPITALS.

General Medical and Surgical cases are admitted to hospitals in Malton, York, Leeds and Scarborough.

5. AMBULANCE FACILITIES.

Are provided by the North Riding County Council under agency arrangements with Beswick's Garage, Malton, and with the W.V.S., who provide the Hospital Car Service.

6. CLINICS AND TREATMENT CENTRES.

Child Welfare clinics were held once per month at Sheriff Hutton and Swinton. The number of sessions at Sheriff Hutton was increased to two per month towards the latter end of the year.

Tuberculosis Clinic—At the Dispensary, Scarborough.

Venereal Diseases—Treatment centres are held at York County and Scarborough Hospitals.

SANITARY INSPECTOR'S REPORT.

SYNOPSIS OF INSPECTIONS MADE.

DWELLING HOUSES :—

Consolidated Regulations	.....	.....	.....	.....	125
Water Supply	.....	.....	.....	.....	16
Overcrowding	.....	.....	.....	.....	6
Infectious Diseases	.....	.....	.....	.....	8
Miscellaneous	.....	.....	.....	.....	91

SANITARY CONVENIENCES :—

Ashpits and Privies	128
Water Closets	56
Chemical Closets	26

REFUSE DISPOSAL :—

Tips	50
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DRAINS AND SEWERS :—

Inspections	221
Cesspools and septic tanks	49
Water tested	9
Public Urinals	.....	.....	.....	.....	—

FACTORIES :—

With mechanical power	.....	.....	.....	.....	—
Without mechanical power	.....	.....	.....	.....	—
Outworkers	.....	.....	.....	.....	—

FOOD :—

Inspections	.....	.....	.....	.....	5
Condemnations	.....	.....	.....	.....	1

FOOD STORAGE (PREPARATION, ETC.) :—

Butchers' shops	.....	.....	.....	.....	5
Fish friers	.....	.....	.....	.....	4

MISCELLANEOUS :—

New buildings	.....	.....	.....	.....	50
Moveable dwellings	.....	.....	.....	.....	—
Ponds and water courses	.....	.....	.....	.....	12
Rats and mice	.....	.....	.....	.....	8
Building licenses	91
Petroleum licenses	5
Schools	2
Animals and poultry	20

Total	988
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RATS AND MICE DESTRUCTION ACT, 1919, AND INFESTATION ORDER, 1943.

There are few major infestations, and the Council have not thought fit to employ a full-time Rodent Operator.

SHOPS ACT, 1934.

The shops in the district are mainly of the one-man business type.

CAMPING SITES.

There are no licensed sites for campers in the district.

OFFENSIVE TRADES.

There are no trades under this heading.

SLAUGHTERHOUSES.

There are six licensed slaughterhouses in the district, although none are used for public slaughtering. All meat supplied to the area is inspected at the Central Slaughterhouse situated in Malton.

SLAUGHTER OF ANIMALS ACT, 1933.

Two applications for slaughterman's licenses were received and granted. There are now twenty-five licensed slaughtermen under the above Act.

ERADICATION OF BED BUGS, Etc.

No cases were reported or discovered.

SCHOOLS.

No great improvements have been made in the sanitation of schools, the use of pail closets being still prevalent.

MEAT AND FOODS INSPECTION.

With the exception of the slaughter of pigs for home consumption no public slaughtering is carried out within the district. As these killings are not notified to this department no records are kept. Small quantities of food, mainly tinned, were inspected and condemned as being unfit for human consumption.

FOOD AND DRUGS ACT, 1938.

REGISTRATION OF PREMISES UNDER SECTION 14.

Ice Cream Dealers	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Nil
Ice Cream Manufacturers	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Nil
Meat Preparation	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Nil
Fish Friers	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Nil

WATER SUPPLIES.

Thirty-four water samples were taken from public supplies and one from a private supply and showed the water to be in the main of a high quality. Three samples from the public supply showed contamination which was found to be due to a temporary breakdown of the chlorination plant.

PUBLIC CLEANSING.

Unburnable refuse has been collected quarterly from the majority of parishes and disposal is by means of tipping. Two tips, one at Bulmer and one at Slingsby, are at present being used.

The open sewers, of which there are fifteen, have been cleansed as regularly as possible by direct labour. A service of cesspool emptying by mechanical means has been in use during the year.

It is anticipated that the sewerage scheme for the parishes of Broughton, Swinton, Amotherby, Appleton-le-Street and Barton-le-Street will be commenced in 1950.

HOUSING.

1. NUMBER OF NEW HOUSES ERECTED DURING THE YEAR.

1. By Local Authority	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	23
2. By other bodies	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4
3. Number of houses under construction by Local Authority						15

These twenty-three new houses erected by the Local Authority during the year were dispersed as follows:—

Parish.		Number.		Type.
Sheriff Hutton	.....	12	.....	Airey
Huttons Ambo	.....	8	.....	Airey
Welburn	.....	3	.....	Traditional brick
		—		
	Total	23		
		—		

Seven traditional brick houses (three at Welburn, four at Foston) and eight Airey houses (six at Bulmer, two at Terrington) are in course of erection.

2. INSPECTION OF DWELLING-HOUSES DURING THE YEAR.

Again the Council have not seen their way clear to appoint an assistant for the carrying out of the Rural Housing Survey, consequently progress in this direction has been slow.

Total number of dwelling-houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts)	52
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3. REMEDY OF DEFECTS DURING THE YEAR.

Number of defective dwelling-houses repaired or improved	31
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4. ACTION UNDER STATUTORY POWERS DURING THE YEAR.

A. Proceedings under sections 9, 10 and 16 of the Housing Act, 1936.

1. Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs	.....	.....	Nil
2. Number of dwelling-houses which were rendered fit after service of formal notices:—			
(a) By owners	.....	.....	Nil
(b) By Local Authority in lieu of owners	.....	.....	Nil


- B. Proceedings under Public Health Acts.
1. Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied Nil
 2. Number of dwelling-houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices :—
 - (a) By owners Nil
 - (b) By Local Authority in default of owners Nil
- C. Proceedings under Sections 11 and 13 of the Housing Act, 1936.
1. Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made Nil
 2. Number of dwelling-houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders Nil
- D. Proceedings under Section 12 of the Housing Act, 1936.
1. Number of separate tenement or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were made Nil
 2. Number of separate tenement or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were determined, the tenement or room having been rendered fit Nil
5. HOUSING ACT, 1936—OVERCROWDING.
- A. 1. Number of dwellings overcrowded at the end of the year Nil
2. Number of families dwelling therein Nil
 3. Number of persons dwelling therein Nil
- B. Number of new cases of overcrowding reported during the year Nil
- C. 1. Number of cases of overcrowding relieved during the year Nil
2. Number of persons concerned Nil
- D. Particulars of any cases in which dwelling-houses have again become overcrowded after the Local Authority have taken steps for the abatement of overcrowding Nil
- E. Any other particulars with respect to overcrowding conditions upon which the Medical Officer of Health may consider it desirable to report Nil

I remain,

Your obedient servant,

L. C. WALKER,

Medical Officer of Health.



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